Raipur in Madhya Pradesh as National Highway;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal; and

(c) whether it is likely to be declared as National Highway in 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to financial constraints in the Central Sector Roads programme in the 7th Five Year Plan and other priority considerations, it is not possible to include the road in question in the network of National Highways.

Energy conservation campaign by Railways

3006. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have launched massive campaign for energy conservation to save coal, diesel and electricity; and

(b) what is the total amount of money to be saved by Railways by this energy saving campaign?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific target has been laid down.

Scheme to Strengthen Educational Infrastructure

3007. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated a scheme to strengthen educational infrastructure and to provide job opportunities to people living in the border States of Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what are the details of different programmes to be implemented under the said scheme in Punjab, the amount earmarked and the areas to be covered under the said schemes;

(c) whether Fazilka in Punjab would be covered by the programme under the said schemes; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what has been the progress of scheme so far in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Scheme of Border Area Development (Education) Programme which covers four border States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat lays emphasis on overall human resource development and the strategy is that the sections of the people who have remained deprived of educational and developmental opportunities receive priority. Under the Scheme, funds are provided to the State Governments for opening new schools, providing essential facilities to schools, setting up of adult education and non-formal education centres, establishment of Polytechnics and ITIs and for youth programmes and programmes of cultural development, etc.

(b) and (c) Administrative approval of Rs. 8,59,45,000/- has been issued during 1987-88 for construction of school buildings, strengthening of infrastructure in schools, procuring of land for District Institute of Education and Training, non-formal and adult education, Youth Development programme and for Technical Education, including strengthening and establishment of ITIs. Three Border Districts of Punjab viz. Amritsar, Ferozepur (which includes Fazilka) and Gurdaspur are covered under the Scheme.

(d) So far an amount of Rs. 5,23,95,000/- has been released to the Government of Punjab for strengthening of infrastructure in schools, procuring land for DIET, non-formal and adult